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### Amendment with RCE

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted with an RCE filed after filing of a Notice of Appeal (filed August 8, 2005) and before filing of an Appeal Brief which was due without extension of time on October 8, 2005.

Petition for 3 month extension: The Commissioner is petitioned to grant a 3 month extension of time from October 8, 2005. Please charge the fee of \$1020 and any other fee necessary to preserve the application to Deposit Account 10-0750/END838.

Please amend the Application as set forth below and consider the Following Remarks:

Amendments begin on Page 2.

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